



## **Announcing Upcoming Environmental Justice Workshop**

**9:00 am – 3:30 pm, Wednesday, August 15, 2001  
Verde School, 2000 Giramita Street, North Richmond, CA**

- ◆ **Environmental Justice – CALFED Commitments:** In issuing its Program Plan and Record of Decision, the CALFED agencies made numerous commitments for implementation of the CALFED Program. One of these commitments is to identify and mitigate Program activities that may cause disproportionate negative impacts on minority, low-income, Tribal or other potentially affected populations. CALFED agencies are committed to addressing environmental justice challenges related to the management of water in the Bay-Delta System. This includes examination of the potential effects of the Program's water management actions on communities, and the public health and financial impacts from those actions on minority and disadvantaged people.
- ◆ **Environmental Justice Work Group or Subcommittee:** Explicit in the Record of Decision, is a commitment to collaborate with environmental justice community stakeholders to develop a comprehensive environmental justice work plan across all program areas. The CALFED Program will ask the California Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee (BDPAC) to convene an Environmental Justice Work Group or Subcommittee to help ensure effective collaboration, participation, and leadership on environmental justice issues.
- ◆ **Public Participation – Get Involved:** CALFED agencies rely on individuals in local communities across the State to provide advice and support for implementing Program actions affecting their communities. Substantive stakeholder consultation will be solicited by CALFED agencies to incorporate diverse perspectives into these decisions and actions. To begin soliciting input on CALFED's environmental justice activities, CALFED, in cooperation with the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water, is sponsoring a series of workshops throughout the State in August and September. This workshop represents your opportunity to get involved and provide input regarding integration of environmental justice into the CALFED Program. An agenda for the workshop will follow, but you should expect each workshop will provide the opportunity to:
  - Gain an understanding of the CALFED Program and its commitment to environmental justice
  - Learn what the CALFED Program is doing in the your region
  - Identify environmental justice issues related to CALFED Program activities
  - Learn about potential future funding opportunities from the CALFED Program
  - Discuss strategies, approaches, and opportunities to address environmental justice at CALFED
  - Provide input regarding the framework for formation and function of the Environmental Justice Work Group or Subcommittee
- ◆ **Who Should Participate?** Any public or private party with an interest in the integration of environmental justice within the CALFED Program is encouraged to participate in the environmental justice workshop.
- ◆ **About CALFED:** The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is a cooperative effort of 23 State and Federal agencies with management responsibilities for the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. This cooperative effort has resulted in a long-term comprehensive plan that will restore ecological health and improve water management for beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta system. The Program has four objectives that are to improve ecosystem quality, water supply reliability, water quality and levee system integrity of the Bay-Delta System.

Please visit our website at <http://calfed.ca.gov> to review the CALFED Programmatic Record of Decision, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Summary and for additional information, or contact CALFED Bay-Delta staff Dan Wermiel (916) 657-3649.

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